Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 22 Sep 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 23 Sep 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 21 Sep 2020 at 16:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for change in the weather over the next few days to a cold showery northerly. Medium confidence for timing of rainfall on Tuesday.

Headline for Tuesday 22 Sep 2020: A cloudy, windy day with a band of rain moving across the ranges in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 22 Sep 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Mist	Mist	Cloudy	Dull	Drizzle	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	50%	60%	60%

Forecast for Tuesday 22 Sep 2020

Weather: A mainly dry start although areas of thicker cloud and fog may give some drizzly outbreaks at times in the morning particularly around Arrochar and the Trossachs. Some brighter periods are more likely in Glencoe and Lochaber in the morning. Cloud is likely to lower over the tops for more westerly ranges as a front approaches in the afternoon. The front will move east across Scotland in the afternoon with rain to most areas. The rain might be quite heavy for a while. Becoming clearer later in the evening and feeling a lot colder.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% chance in the west with cloud bases around 400-600m, further east cloud bases may be around 6-800m with some breaks in the cloud in the morning, lowering in the afternoon with very little chance of cloud free tops as the band of rain moves in.

Visibility: Visibility will generally be good in the morning out with any mist and fog but becoming moderate or poor later as drizzle and rain arrive.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/35 S	30/37 S	37/46 S	43/55 S	46/60 S	48/62 S	38/51 SW	22/30 W	18/23 W
900	23/30 SW	23/30 S	27/35 S	30/40 S	33/46 S	33/47 SW	28/42 SW	17/25 W	12/17 W
600	27/34 SW	27/34 S	31/40 S	36/47 S	39/52 S	41/54 S	32/45 SW	16/23 W	10/15 W
300	13/21 S	12/20 S	15/25 S	20/32 S	23/35 S	23/37 S	18/32 SW	9/15 W	6/10 W
Glen	10/20 SW	9/20 S	7/18 S	17/32 S	19/36 S	18/36 SW	15/32 SW	9/19 W	5/12 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/-2	4/-3	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4	5/-2	4/-3	1/-5	-0/-7
900	7/2	6/1	6/1	6/1	7/1	8/2	7/1	4/-1	2/-2
600	9/4	8/4	8/4	8/3	9/4	10/5	9/4	6/2	5/1
300	11/8	10/8	10/7	11/7	12/8	12/8	11/7	8/6	7/5
Glen	12/11	12/11	12/11	13/10	14/10	14/10	12/10	10/8	9/7
Freezing Level*	2100m	2000m	2100m	2000m	2300m	2600m	1900m	1300m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe Gale force gusts are possible on higher tops particularly when the front moves through. A marked change to a colder feel from late afternoon and a noticeable wind chill overnight.

Forecast for Wednesday 23 Sep 2020

Weather: A dry day with long sunny intervals, a few lighter showers are possible however these will be generally confined to more northerly ranges, these may be wintry around Ben Nevis. Feeling fresher than previous days.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 15-20mph becoming southerly 5-10mph later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% chance of clear tops, perhaps some scattered cloud around the higher tops of Lochaber in any showers.

Visibility: Mainly good or very good with excellent views possible. Moderate or poor in any wintry showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around the highest summits (1200m).

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